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SUBJECT: INTERVIEW WITH SAM NUJOMA

1. THE FOLLOWING INTERVIEW WITH SWAPO CHIEF SAM NUJOMA
APPEARS IN THE JULY 31 EDITION OF THE GERMAN WEEKLY,
DER SPIEGEL (INFORMAL TRANSLATION). NUJOMA, WHO TAKES
A HARD LINE THROUGHOUT THE INTERVIEW, IS QUOTED AS
SAYING "WE WILL NOT SHARE POWER WITH ANYONE."

2.BEGIN TEXT: SPIEGEL: AT LUANDA IN MID-JULY YOU AGREED TO THE
WESTERN PROPOSALS FOR NAMIBIA. HOW DO YOU FORESEE
THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE OF SWAPO?

NUJOMA: WE WILL INTENSIFY THE STRUGGLE ON A POLITICAL
AND DIPLOMATIC LEVEL.

SPIEGEL: DID YOU AGREE TO THE PROPOSALS OF YOUR OWN
FREE WILL OR WERE YOU PRESSURED BY YOUR FRIENDS IN THE
FRONT-LINE STATES?

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NUJOMA: WELL, WE NATURALLY HAD A LONG DEBATE. THERE
WERE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION, PARTICULARLY CONCERNING
THE WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS FROM NAMIBIA.

SPIEGEL: IN THE MEANTIME THE QUESTION HAS NO
DOUBT BEEN CLEARED UP.

NUJOMA: NO. WE DEMAND THAT SOUTH AFRICA UNCONDITIONALLY
WITHDRAW ALL OF ITS TROOPS FROM NAMIBIA. THE WEST MUST
SEE TO IT THAT THIS IS DONE.

SPIEGEL: IN THE LUANDA AGREEMENT, HOWEVER, IT SAYS
OTHERWISE.

NUJOMA: IT IS ALL A QUESTION OF GIVE AND TAKE.

3. SPIEGEL: THE SOUTH AFRICANS HAVE PROMISED TO
WITHDRAW.

NUJOMA: I DON'T BELIEVE THEM. THE SOUTH AFRICANS
HAVE PROMISED NOTHING.

SPIEGEL: YES, THEY HAVE. THEY HAVE AGREED TO
WITHDRAW THEIR TROOPS WITH THE INITIAL EXCEPTION OF
1500 SOLDIERS. AND THOSE 1500 SOLDIERS ARE TO GO AFTER
THE ATTAINMENT OF INDEPENDENCE.

NUJOMA: OH, THEY ARE ONLY YIELDING BECAUSE THEY FEEL
OUR STRENGTH. THEY FEAR OUR BULLETS. WITHOUT OUR
SACRIFICES WE WOULD NOT HAVE ACHIEVED ANY CONCESSIONS
FROM THEM. BUT THEY STILL DON'T MEAN WHAT THEY SAY.

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SPIEGEL: IF THE SOUTH AFRICANS DO HOWEVER WITHDRAW,
WOULD YOU TAKE PART IN THE TURNHALLE CONFERENCE?

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NUJOMA: THAT IS A CREATION OF SOUTH AFRICA. SWAPO
HAS NOT FOUGHT IN ORDER TO BE A PART OF THE MOST
FASCIST REGIME SINCE HITLER. ARE YOU RECOMMENDING
THAT WE PARTICIPATE?

4. SPIEGEL: WE DON'T WANT TO RECOMMEND ANYTHING.
WE ONLY WANT TO KNOW IF SWAPO IS WILLING TO TAKE
PART IN FREE ELECTIONS.

NUJOMA: THE SOUTH AFRICANS WANT TO TURN NAMIBIA INTO
ONE OF THEIR BANTUSTANS. THAT IS NOT WHAT WE ARE
FIGHTING FOR. WE WILL INTENSIFY OUR ARMED STRUGGLE
AND THROW THE FASCISTS OUT OF NAMIBIA, ALONG WITH THEIR
BLACK PUPPETS.

SPIEGEL: APPARENTLY YOU WANT TO CONTINUE THE WAR AND
NOT HAVE ELECTIONS.
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NUJOMA: IT DOESN'T MATTER, STRUGGLE OR PEACEFUL
TAKEOVER OF THE GOVERNMENT.

SPIEGEL: THE TAKING OF POWER BY SWAPO?

NUJOMA: YES, OF COURSE. WE HAVE DONE THE FIGHTING
AND THE POWER SHOULD BE OURS. WE WILL NOT SHARE
POWER WITH ANYONE.

5. SPIEGEL: THEN THE AGREEMENT OF LUANDA HAS NO
MEANING FOR YOU.

NUJOMA: THAT IS YOUR INTERPRETATION.

SPIEGEL: DO YOU WANT ELECTIONS OR NOT?

NUJOMA: YOUR INTERPRETATION ONCE AGAIN.

SPIEGEL: THEN TELL US YOUR INTERPRETATION.

NUJOMA: WE WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT WITH WEAPONS IN OUR
HANDS UNTIL THE FINAL VICTORY.

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